

***Developing Realistic Strategies and Viable Option to Provide
Comprehensive and Affordable Health Insurance Coverage for All Michigan Citizens
Meeting Minutes***

Meeting Name: Models Development Workgroup

Date and Time: Wed. August 31, 2005, 1-4pm

Location: AARP Michigan, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 110, Lansing, MI

Present: Elaine Beane, MPH; Gary Benjamin, MI Legal Services + MI UHCAN; Tameshia Bridges, PHI; Marcy Buren, Health Access; Gary Burmeister, Consultants for Quality Healthcare; Kate Conway, HFHS; Jackie Doig, Center for Civil Justice; Paul Duguay, Michigan Association of Health Plans; Norm DeLisle, MI Disability Rights Coalition; Chris Farrell, MDCH; Sarah Fink, MHA; John Freeman, SEIU; Jeff Fortenbacher, Access Health; Ed Gamache, Administrator, Deckerville Community Hospital; Princesa Graham, St. John Health; Kim Hodge, PHI; Deborah Hollis, MDCH; Sandy Hudson, DWCHA; Jennifer Kibicho, Office of the Governor; Andy Kruse, Genesys Health System; Sheryl Lowe, BCBSM; Scott Lyon, Small Business Insurance Services; Del Malloch, Jackson Health Plan 3-Share; Ken Miller, MDCH; Joan Moiles, DLEG; Cherie Mollison, MI Office of Services to the Aging; Denise Morrow, MDCH LTC Services; Michelle Munson-McCrory, Complete Compassionate Care; Margaret Meyers, Mercy Primary Care; Rick Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star; James Phillips, Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency; Lisa Rajt, BCBSM; Chris Shea, Cherry Street Health Services; Joanne Sheldon, Lifeways CMH; Kim Sibilsky, MPCA; Ellen Speckman-Randall, MDCH; Colleen Sproul, HealthPlus; Randy Stuck, Virtual Health Plan; Vic Sztengel, Wexford Mercy PHO; Hollis Turnham, PHI; Don VeCasey, Michigan Consumer Health Care Coalition; Geof Vasquez for V. Przywara, HFHS; Lary Wells, MLHS; Lody Zwarensteyn, Alliance Health; Jane Zwiers, First Presbyterian Health Clinic and FCOM

On Conference Call: N/A

Action Items

Item	Responsible	Deadline
Email Ellen Speckman-Randall at speckmane@michigan.gov if you want to volunteer at a town hall	Anyone who is interested	Prior to town hall meeting at which you would like to volunteer.
Report small group feedback on overarching goals to Ken Miller at millerk3@michigan.gov	Designated small group representative	Mon. Sept. 12
Email Ken Miller if your information on the roster is incorrect		
Email Ken Miller with your notes from the expansion models discussion + a list of group members	Designated note-taker	ASAP

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Minutes

Topic	Discussion	Conclusions
Welcome and Introductions		
<p>Workgroup Updates</p> <p>(See handout: “Town Hall Meeting Schedule”)</p>	<p>Data Synthesis Workgroup</p> <p>Community Interface Workgroup</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This workgroup is currently defining data sources in addition to their primary data collection activities. The household survey is done and employer survey is in progress. There will be focus groups, 12-14 town halls, and key informant interviews coming up in the next few months. - Additional data from the US Census and Kaiser Family Foundation will be utilized - There will be 12-14 town hall meetings, and MDWG Members were urged to participate – a flyer is forthcoming. Volunteering is also encouraged for the focus groups. - On Sept. 19, the SPG will host experts from DC (Mathematica, The Governor’s Association) to discuss what other states are doing with health care coverage. Time and location TBD
Small group discussion of overarching goals for the workgroup (see handouts: “Draft Compilation of Over-Arching Goals” and “What Might a Win Look Like?”)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ken Miller will provide information on other arenas/issues in which workgroup members may want to become involved.
Discussion of Rules of Engagement (see handout: “Rules of Engagement”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We discussed the meaning of “consensus”. - We need to put into writing the difference between health insurance and health care coverage, as well as a glossary of terms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In January, February, and March, we will consider strategies to gain public and political acceptance of our coverage expansion model recommendations.

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Communication Protocols (see handouts: Minutes from 8/17, "Evaluations for the MDWG 8/17/05," and MDWG Roster)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed comments from last meeting's evaluation - Are there, perhaps, too many people in the workgroup? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from 8/17/05 were approved - Folks would like teleconferencing - At the next meeting, facilitators will start assuming a certain knowledge base so we can all "get down to work" - The website for the state planning grant is located at www.michigan.gov/spg
Focus Group Discussion Topics (see handouts: "Draft Focus Group Questions" and "Goals of Community Interface Workgroup – Description of Focus Groups")	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We broke into small groups to comment on topics for employer and insurance agent/broker focus groups. - Each small group will email their comments to Ken, who will compile and forward them to MPHI and the Data Synthesis Workgroup for consideration. 	
Small Group Discussion of Expansion Models (see handouts: "Options for Expanding Health Insurance Groups," blank EMET, and EMET with attribution descriptions)	<p>Small groups were encouraged to think of the following, as they discussed their expansion model of choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What questions remain? - What did we learn from the HMA presentation about our expansion areas of interest? - What additional data is needed to make the models work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A cheat sheet on ERISA limitations is needed.

--Respectfully submitted by Lisa Rajt, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan